

§ 12.603

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paragraph (a) of this section or complete approved or accepted refresher training.

§ 12.603 Requirements to qualify for an STCW endorsement as able seafarer-deck.

(a) To qualify for this endorsement as able seafarer-deck, an applicant must—

- (1) Be not less than 18 years of age;
- (2) Meet the requirements for certification as a RFPNW;

(3) While qualified as an RFPNW, have seagoing service in the deck department of—

- (i) Not less than 18 months; or
- (ii) Not less than 12 months and have completed approved training;

(4) Provide evidence of meeting the standard of competence specified in Table A-II/5 of the STCW Code (incorporated by reference, see § 12.103 of this part); and

(5) Provide evidence of having satisfactorily completed approved training in—

- (i) Proficiency in survival craft and rescue boats other than fast rescue boats (PSC); or
- (ii) Proficiency in survival craft and rescue boats, other than lifeboats or fast rescue boats-limited (PSC-limited), as appropriate.

(b) Until January 1, 2017, seafarers will be considered to have met the re-

quirements of this section if they have served as a watchstanding A/B or as an RFPNW for a period of not less than 12 months within the 60 months prior to application.

(c) Seafarers holding a rating endorsement as able seaman before January 1, 2017, will be eligible for this endorsement upon showing evidence of—

(1) Holding an endorsement as an RFPNW; and

(2) Having satisfactorily completed approved training in—

(i) Proficiency in survival craft and rescue boats, other than fast rescue boats (PSC); or

(ii) Proficiency in survival craft and rescue boats, other than lifeboats or fast rescue boats-limited (PSC-limited), as appropriate.

(d) The Coast Guard may exempt an applicant from meeting any individual knowledge, understanding, and proficiency required in Section A-II/5 of the STCW Code. These exemptions must be approved by the Coast Guard, based upon vessel type. Under these circumstances, the endorsement may include a corresponding limitation.

(e) Except as provided in paragraphs (b) and (c) of this section, seafarers with the following national rating endorsements will be eligible for this endorsement upon completion of the requirements designated in this section:

TABLE 1 TO § 12.603(e)—STCW ENDORSEMENT AS ABLE SEAFARER-DECK

Entry path from national endorsements	Sea service under authority of the endorsement ¹	Competence—STCW Table A-II/4 ²	Competence—STCW Table A-II/5 ³	Training required by this section ⁴
A/B unlimited	None	Y	Y	N
A/B limited	None	Y	Y	N
A/B special	6 months ⁵	Y	Y	N
A/B-offshore supply vessels	12 months ⁶	Y	Y	N
A/B sail	12 months ⁶	Y	Y	N
A/B-fishing industry	12 months ⁶	Y	Y	N

¹ This column provides the minimum additional service required of the seafarer already holding an RFPNW endorsement in order to meet the requirements of this section.

² Complete any items in paragraph (a)(2) of this section not previously satisfied.

³ Complete any items in paragraph (a)(4) of this section not previously satisfied.

⁴ Complete any items in paragraph (a)(5) of this section not previously satisfied.

⁵ The service may be reduced to 3 months if training has been completed as part of an approved training program meeting the requirements of paragraph (a)(4) of this section.

⁶ The service may be reduced to 6 months if training has been completed as part of an approved training program meeting the requirements of (a)(4) of this section.